

HEALTH AND SANITATION PROGRAM

Exchange of notes at Bogotá February 14 and 19, 1946, modifying and extending agreement of October 23, 1942

Entered into force February 19, 1946

Program expired June 30, 1960

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The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Relations

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Bogotá, February 14, 1946

No. 137

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to Note No. 115 of October 23, 1942¹ of the Ambassador of the United States in Colombia, to communication No. S-1110 of October 23, 1942¹ from the Minister of Foreign Affairs, to Note No. 285 of January 24, 1944² of the Ambassador of the United States and to communication No. S-134 of February 12, 1944² from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which relate to the establishment and continuance of a cooperative program of public health and sanitation in Colombia, the specific operational details of which were established in agreements entered into between The Institute of Inter-American Affairs and the Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Welfare in October of 1942³ and January of 1944.² The program was undertaken by both governments pursuant to Resolution XXX approved at the Third Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics held at Rio de Janeiro in January, 1942.⁴

It will be recalled that as agreed in the mentioned communications, my Government continuously since 1942 has furnished the services of experts in the field of health and sanitation to cooperate with officials of the Colombian Government and particularly the Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Welfare in a specific cooperative program for the improvement of health and sanitation in Colombia, and that the Servicio Cooperativo Interamericano de Salud Pública was established within the said Ministry as the instrumentality for the execution of that program.

¹ EAS, 369, *ante*, p. 950.

² 61 Stat. 2894; TIAS 1623.

³ Not printed.

⁴ For text, see *Department of State Bulletin*, Feb. 7, 1942, p. 137.

Under the agreement of 1942 my Government has furnished the sum of one million dollars (US\$1,000,000.) and Your Excellency's Government has contributed the sum of one million pesos (Col. \$1,000,000.) for the execution of the cooperative program and under the agreement of 1944 my Government has furnished the additional sum of six hundred thousand dollars (US\$600,000.) and Your Excellency's Government has contributed an equivalent amount in Colombian pesos or one million fifty thousand pesos (Col.\$1,050,000.) for the same purpose. These sums, which are in addition to the services and expenses of the group of experts, have been paid to and expended by the Servicio Cooperativo in the execution of the cooperative program and will be virtually exhausted at the expiration of the present agreement on June 3, 1946.

The program has consisted of specific projects agreed upon between the Minister of Labor, Health and Social Welfare and the chief of the group of experts, as representative of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs. While many projects have been completed, others of importance are still in process of execution, and the opportunity exists for the initiation of beneficial new projects.

My Government's participation in the program has been carried out through The Institute of Inter-American Affairs, which, as Your Excellency knows, is a corporate agency of my Government and is wholly owned, controlled and financed by it.

Your Excellency's Government has indicated in informal conversations with me and with the representative of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs its desire that the cooperative program of health and sanitation be further extended after June 30, 1946, and its willingness to make additional funds available for the purpose.

I have the honor to state that my Government pursuant to the expressed desire of Your Excellency's Government, is also willing to extend the cooperative program of health and sanitation in Colombia for an additional period, and is prepared to make available through The Institute of Inter-American Affairs, additional funds and to continue to furnish the services of experts, for the purpose of cooperating with Your Excellency's Government in prolonging that program. Such funds would be added to the funds remaining from the contributions made under the previous agreements and to the new funds offered by Your Excellency's Government. It is proposed that the period of extension, the sums to be made available by both Governments and any additional details with regard to the continuance and scope of the program be worked out by mutual agreement between the Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Welfare and Colonel Harold B. Gotaas, President of The Institute of Inter-American Affairs, and be incorporated in a written agree-

ment between the Ministry and the Institute.⁵ It is not contemplated that any substantial change in the *modus operandi* established under the existing agreement will be required.

Colonel Gotaas has now arrived in Bogotá to represent the Institute in connection with any extension of the program.

I am hopeful that the proposal is agreeable to Your Excellency's Government and I would appreciate receiving an expression of Your Excellency's opinion as soon as may be possible in order that the details of the extension may be worked out during Colonel Gotaas' stay in Bogotá.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

JOHN C. WILEY

His Excellency

Señor Doctor don FERNANDO LONDOÑO Y LONDOÑO,
Minister of Foreign Relations,
Bogotá.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN RELATIONS
Bogotá, February 19, 1946

No. D. — 343

MR. AMBASSADOR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note of February 14 of the current year, number 137, with reference to the continuation of the cooperative program of hygiene and health in Colombia the details of which are being planned by the Ministry of Labor, Hygiene and Social Welfare and the Institute of Inter-American Affairs in Washington. The text of Your Excellency's note was communicated to the aforementioned Ministry of Labor.

On the other hand, the Institute of Inter-American Affairs in a note of the 19th of the current month, has addressed the Ministry of Labor, indicating some changes which it considers necessary for the extension of the above agreement and for the mutual convenience of the Parties.

I am pleased to inform Your Excellency in the first place that the Government of Colombia views with real satisfaction the fact that the collaboration between this Government and the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, as a branch of the Government of the United States, may continue and carry

⁵ For an exchange of letters dated Feb. 19 and 20, 1946, between the President of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs and the Colombian Minister of Labor, Hygiene and Social Welfare, see 61 Stat. 2883 or p. 5 of TIAS 1623.

out the extension of the programs, subject naturally to the changes which are agreed upon in conformity with the necessities of this new epoch.

As to the time of extension, the amounts which have to be contributed by both Governments and other particulars, all that may be a matter for study between Colonel Gotaas, as the representative of the Institute, and the Ministry of Labor, Hygiene and Social Welfare.

This Chancellery authorizes fully the carrying out of this agreement between the two entities referred to.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

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His Excellency

JOHN C. WILEY,

*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America,
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